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Autumn recreation a prime reason to visit Corps' Dworshak

Orofino, **Idaho** -- Autumn is here and it's a wonderful time to enjoy recreation facilities in beautiful north Idaho at the Dworshak Dam and Reservoir.

Sportsmen come to fish, camp and hunt on lands managed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Fall hunting seasons are under way for big and small game and Dworshak offers excellent access to elk, deer and grouse. Hunting is allowed on all Corps property around the reservoir except in developed recreation areas. Motorized vehicles are only allowed on open and maintained paved or gravel roadways. No motorized vehicles are allowed beyond gates and barricades.

Late season camping by self-deposit registration has begun at Dent Campground and will continue through Nov. 20, weather permitting. A reduced fee of \$10 per site is in effect. Sites are available on a first come/first served basis only. Amenities available include: boat ramp, rest rooms with hot showers, water, sewer, and electric hook-ups. Loaded weapons are not allowed in the campground or other developed recreation areas. Hunting is not allowed within one-quarter mile of Dent Campground.

Fall and winter reservoir levels are planned to stabilize at around elevation 1520 feet above mean sea level. At this level, the boat ramps at Big Eddy, Bruce's Eddy, Dent Campground and Dworshak State Park are open for use. When boating on the reservoir, please use caution because lake levels can change. Always be aware of the symptoms of hypothermia and wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device.

Dworshak's visitor center has returned to fall hours, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.--4:30 p.m. The center offers a variety of interpretive displays and movies about Dworshak and the history of the area, including the popular "Last of the Log Drives." Public tours are available on Tuesdays by reservation. Call Heather Burke at (208) 476-1279 to reserve a group tour.

For more information regarding facilities access and current conditions, check area print and broadcast media outlets for updates from the Corps. For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198. For regional reservoir, water level, and flow information, visit the worldwide web page at http://www.nww.usace.army.mil.

Information is also available by calling (208) 476-1261, and local travelers on U.S. Hwy. 12 can get information by tuning their car radios to AM-1610.